

Application No. 10/014,929

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended.

Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-24 stand rejected as being anticipated by Craig (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,785) under 35 USC § 102(e). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17.

Claim 1, 9 and 17 have each been amended to indicate, in one form or another, that the claimed invention presents an automatic slide show, *without any need for user or other human intervention*. The slides are presented for a pre-set display duration according to the UFL list, which additionally provides the desired sequence of display.

Craig gives no pre-set time of duration, rather, the instructor/student manual select a previous or next slide button, i.e., the time duration is not preset. The user, whether instructor or student, is not provided with the opportunity to set an actual time of duration see the GUI of Fig. 2 and Col. 8, Lines 59-61 of Craig (buttons are previous, next, or synchronize). When in synchronize mode, the student is under control of the instructor and the instructor must manually select the next/previous slide to move through the presentation (see Col. 10, Lines 32-37 of Craig). The standalone instructor session operates just like a standalone student session in that the instructor is provided *only with the choices of previous, next or synchronize*; the GUI is the same for both instructor and student (see Col. 9, Lines 29-31). This means that the only way of moving through the slide show is not by utilizing a pre-set duration time and *automatically* moving through the slides as claimed by the present invention but only by *manual, user-selection*

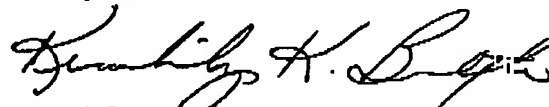
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of a next or previous button. In view of the absence of a *pre-set* display duration and the ability to *automatically* provide a slide presentation, Applicant requests that the rejection under 35 USC § 102 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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